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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: KLOTZ-3

In re Application of:)
BERND KLOTZ)
Appl. No.: 10/789,412) Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: February 27, 2004)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING FLAT MOLDED ARTICLES)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references which were cited in the instant specification, the references which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP02/09098, and the references cited in a search report issued by the German Patent Office with regard to corresponding German patent application No. 101 41 858.2. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report as well as a copy of the German Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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